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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/699,923
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First Named Inventor	David H. Lynch et al.
Group / Art Unit	1644
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provision of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply 09/02/2003 MBERHE 00000092 090089 09699923

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 02 FC:1253 930.00 DA

iv. Other postcard

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0089

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) in the amount of \$750.00.

ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) in the amount of \$930. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefor.

iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

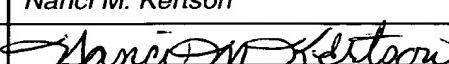
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